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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7 at line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 4 is a vertical sectional view of a trading card optical compact disc taken along line 4-4 of FIG. 2A according to a first embodiment of the present invention;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7 at line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 5 is a vertical sectional view of a trading card optical compact disc taken along line 5-5 of FIG. 2B according to a second embodiment of the present invention;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7 at line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:
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CORR. --FIG. 8 is a vertical sectional view of a trading card optical compact disc taken along line 8-8 of FIG. 7 according to the third embodiment of the present invention;--

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--Preferably, as illustrated in FIGS. 2A-2B, 3-5 and 8, a second metallic layer **24** is formed on at least portions of the first plastic layer **21**, e.g., portions of or the entire major elevational portion **22** of the first plastic layer (see FIGS. 2A and 4). The metallic layer **24** preferably includes an aluminum material such as conventionally used with forming optical compact discs, silver material, gold material, or other reflective metal material. The second layer **24** preferably provides a reflective surface for the light beam after it passes through the first optically transparent plastic layer **21** when attempting to read the digitally encoded data from the disc **20**. As illustrated in FIGS. 2B and 5, for ease of manufacturing and aesthetic purposes, a second embodiment of the trading card **20'** illustrates that the second layer **24'** can also extend substantially the full length and width of the trading card optical compact disc **20'**. The second embodiment also includes a first layer **21'**, a major elevational portion **22'**. In either the first or second embodiments of the trading card optical compact disc **20, 20'**, however, a non-metallic zone is preferably formed around the entire peripheries of the trading card optical compact disc **20, 20'.**--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9 at line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Additionally, a third protective layer **26** is preferably formed on at least the second layer **24** for protecting the metallic layer **24** such as from chipping, flaking, or other damage. The third layer **26** is preferably a lacquer material or other thin hard coat material which is formed on the first and second layers **21, 24** to enhance the scratch resistance and provide other protection for these layers **21, 24**. A fourth indicia bearing layer **28** is preferably formed on the third layer **26** and has a generally planar upper surface for displaying indicia **29** therefrom (see also indicia **29"** of FIG. 6). The indicia **29** is preferably a photograph, sketch, textual information, or other images formed by ink or other material formed or positioned onto either the lacquer layer or formed by another material, e.g., paper or plastic, formed on or adhered to the lacquer layer **26**. Also, for example, if the indicia bearing layer is a paper material adhered to the lacquer layer **26**, then an adhesive is preferably positioned therebetween. The thickness of the combination of the first, second, third, and fourth layers **21, 24, 26, 28** of the first and second embodiments is preferably less than about 0.06 inches or 1.5mm.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10 at line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--As best shown in FIGS. 6-8, the thickness of the combination of the first, second, third, and fourth layers **21"**, **24"**, **26"**, **28"** of the third embodiment of a trading card optical compact disc **20"**, e.g., a DVD format, which preferably uses a digital video data format is also preferably less than about 0.06 inches or 1.5 mm. This embodiment, as understood by those skilled in the art, preferably has at least two plastic layers **21a"**, **21b"** each which are less than 0.03 inches or 0.75 inches or which form a composite layer and defines a major elevational portion **22"** as illustrated in the other embodiments. These two plastic layers **21a"**, **21b"**, however, are also preferably positioned prior to the metallic layer or second layer **24"**. These plastic layers **21a"**, **21b"** are preferably used for data encoding, focusing, and image enhancement, especially in the DVD format as understood by those skilled in the art, have smaller pits, and form two levels of digitally encoded data.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11 at line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The major elevational portion **22** is formed in a medial portion of the trading card **20** and has first and second pairs of spaced-apart outer side peripheries defining outer boundaries of the major elevational portion **22**. Each of the first pair of spaced-apart outer side peripheries arcuately

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extend between each of the second pair of spaced-apart outer side peripheries. Each of the second pair of spaced-apart outer side peripheries extend generally linearly between each of the first pair of spaced-apart outer peripheries **38** (see also **38'** of FIG. 2B and **38"** of FIG. 7). Each of the arcuately-extending first pair of spaced-apart outer side peripheries of the major elevational portion **22** are centered about an axis **A** extending through the medial opening **32** and generally perpendicular to the linearly-extending second pair of spaced-apart outer side peripheries. A radius extending from a medial portion of the medial opening **32** to each of the arcuately-extending first pair of spaced-apart outer side peripheries of the major elevational portion **22** is less than 1.6 inches.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12 at line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As perhaps best illustrated in FIG. 2A, the encoded digital data of the major elevational portion **22** of the first layer **21** is formed within a circular data zone **34** (see also **34'** of FIGS. 2B and 5 and **34"** of FIG. 7) and preferably does not cover, i.e., is less than, the entire surface area of the major elevational portion **22** of the first layer **21**. The circular data zone **34** has a first inner circular periphery having a radius of at least 0.6 inches and a second outer circular periphery having a radius of less than 1.25 inches. The circular data zone **34** is preferably capable of storing between 60-70 Megabytes of digital information or digital data